

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: 23ANDME, INC. CUSTOMER DATA  
SECURITY BREACH LITIGATION

No. 3:24-md-03098-EMC

This Document Relates to: ALL ACTIONS

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION TO APPOINT NORMAN E.  
SIEGEL, SABITA S. SONEJI, AND CARI  
CAMPEN LAUFENBERG  
AS INTERIM CO-LEAD COUNSEL**

Date: May 30, 2024  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Courtroom: 5, 17th Floor  
Judge: Hon. Edward M. Chen

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Before the Court are plaintiffs' counsel's motions for appointment as interim lead class counsel and/or appointment to a leadership position. The court [having heard argument] and having considered counsel's written submissions, appoints plaintiffs' leadership counsel as follows:

**Interim Co-Lead Counsel:**

Norman E. Siegel, Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP

Sabita S. Soneji, Tycko & Zavareei LLP

Cari Campen Laufenberg, Keller Rohrbach L.L.P.

1 Interim Co-Lead Counsel are designated to “act on behalf of a putative class before determining  
2 whether to certify the action as a class action” and are responsible for coordinating pretrial proceedings.  
3 Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g)(3).

4 The following defines the duties and responsibilities of Interim Co-Lead Counsel as set forth  
5 herein. Counsel for any party in this action may rely on the conduct and representations of Interim Co-  
6 Lead Counsel on behalf of any class or classes in all actions consolidated before this Court (the “Class”)  
7 for any issue in the litigation consistent with the Rules of Procedure of the United States Judicial Panel  
8 on Multidistrict Litigation (“MDL Panel”). This includes but is not limited to the authority to engage  
9 in the following activities:

10 1. To oversee case management and develop and implement a litigation plan, including  
11 strategic planning in all respects relating to Class claims, which shall be directed via careful oversight  
12 and management of all work on behalf of the Class;

13 2. To draft, authorize, sign and file all pleadings and motions related to all actions on  
14 behalf of the Class, including but not limited to all filings with the MDL Panel as well as those  
15 consolidated in this Court, and any appellate or amicus briefs;

16 3. To draft, authorize, sign and file all motions and other requests for relief related to all  
17 actions on behalf of the Class, including all briefs relating to Defendant’s motions and other requests  
18 for relief, as well as those by third parties, including but not limited to governmental entities or other  
19 interested parties;

20 4. To communicate with the Class regarding the status of the pending action;

21 5. To propound, seek and respond to discovery, including but not limited to written  
22 discovery, the taking or defending of depositions, and motion practice related thereto;

23 6. To conduct informal discovery, including but not limited to informal investigation and  
24 related activities needed to support Plaintiffs’ claims;

25 7. To take steps necessary to effectuate litigation to pursue Class claims, including  
26 managing document review and analysis and any other logistical matters that support formal and  
27 informal discovery efforts in this action;

28 8. To retain vendors, experts and consultants on behalf of the Class;

1           9.     To appear, argue and determine who shall present on behalf of the Class at status  
2 conferences and hearings;

3           10.    To enter into stipulations, agreements and joint prosecution agreements on behalf of the  
4 Class;

5           11.    To enter into tolling agreements and negotiations on behalf of the Class with any  
6 Defendant or potential defendant, including any previously named defendant not named in any  
7 consolidated complaint(s) on behalf of the Class;

8           12.    To assess and select class representatives and determine the claims brought on behalf of  
9 the Class;

10          13.    To implement and enforce a protocol for attorneys' fees, expenses, and/or costs for the  
11 Court's approval to ensure that fees, expenses, and/or costs incurred are reasonable and necessary to  
12 the litigation. The protocol shall address, e.g., the exercise of billing judgment; the maintenance of  
13 contemporaneous, detailed time records; the periodic reporting of fees, expenses and/or costs to  
14 Interim Co-Lead Counsel and/or the Court;

15          14.    To engage in settlement discussions with Defendant and any other entities, including  
16 governmental or regulatory entities, to enter into settlement on behalf of the Class and to propose a  
17 plan of allocation;

18          15.    To assess common litigation costs and collect such assessments;

19          16.    To engage and oversee other qualified non-leadership counsel to perform common  
20 benefit work in the interest of maximizing efficiency;

21          17.    To allocate fees and expenses among Co-Lead Counsel, other appointed leadership  
22 counsel, and any other counsel who performed common benefit work approved by Co-Lead Counsel  
23 for purposes of any submission to the Court for reimbursement and compensation, and following the  
24 award of any such fees and expenses, for disbursement to counsel, including the determination for  
25 common benefit work; and

26          18.    To perform such other functions as necessary to effectuate these responsibilities or as  
27 may be expressly authorized by further Order of the Court.

28          19.    No work shall be undertaken by any plaintiffs' counsel without the express advance

1 authorization of Interim Co-Lead Counsel. Likewise, no pleadings, motions, discovery, or other  
2 pretrial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs' counsel, except through Interim Co-  
3 Lead Counsel or upon their express advance authorization.

4 20. The court likewise appoints Mr. Siegel as Settlement Counsel for an initial 45-day  
5 period, commencing from issuance of this order, to allow the negotiating parties an opportunity to  
6 determine whether a settlement can be achieved before the commencement of discovery. Thereafter,  
7 Mr. Siegel shall continue to serve as Interim Co-Lead Counsel with Ms. Soneji and Ms. Laufenberg.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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11 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hon. Edward M. Chen  
United States Senior District Judge